

# Leadership at a Glance North Carolina General Assembly 2011 Session

## Impact on Students and Public Education

### Senate (50)

Republicans: 31 (62%)	18 incumbents, 13 new
Democrats: 19 (38%)	17 incumbents, 2 new

### Senate Leadership

President: Lt. Governor Walter **Dalton**

President Pro Tempore: Sen. Phil **Berger**, R-Guilford, Rockingham (6 terms, attorney)

Deputy President Pro Tempore: Sen. James **Forrester**, R-Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln (11 terms, physician-family practice)

Majority Leader: Sen. Harry **Brown**, R- Jones, Onslow (4 terms, owner – National Dodge-Subaru & National Volkswagen)

Majority Whip: Sen. Jerry W. **Tillman**, R-Montgomery, Randolph (5 terms, retired school administrator)

Majority Caucus Secretary: Sen. Fletcher **Hartsell**, R-Cabarrus, Iredell (11 terms, attorney)

Caucus Liaison: Sen. Jean **Preston**, R-Carteret, Craven, Pamlico (3 terms-7 house terms, retired educator)

Freshman Leader: Sen. Bill **Rabon**, R-Brunswick, Columbus, Pender (1 term, veterinarian)

Democratic Leader: Sen. Martin **Nesbitt**, Jr., D-Buncombe (+4 terms - +11 House, attorney)

Deputy Democratic Leaders:

Sen. Linda **Garrou**, D-Forsyth (7 terms, administrator)

Sen. Floyd **McKissick**, D-Durham (+2 terms, attorney)

Sen. Don **Vaughan**, D- Guilford (2 terms, attorney)

Democratic Whip: Sen. Josh **Stein**, D-Wake (2 terms, lawyer)

Democratic Caucus Chair: Sen. Charlie **Dannelly**, D-Mecklenburg (+9 terms, retired-educator)

Democratic Caucus Secretary: Sen. Eleanor (Ellie) **Kinnaird**, D-Orange, Person (8 terms, attorney)

### Senate Rules Committee Chair

Chair: Sen. Tom **Apodaca**, R- Buncombe, Henderson, Polk (5 terms, entrepreneur)

### Senate Appropriations Chairs

Co-chairs:

Sen. Peter **Brunstetter**, R-Forsyth (+3 terms, attorney)

Sen. Neal **Hunt**, R-Wake (4 terms, president of HMC Corp.)

Sen. Richard **Stevens**, R-Wake (5 terms, management consultant)

### **House (120)**

Republicans: 67 (56%)	45 incumbents, 22 new
Democrats: 52 (43%)	47 incumbents, 5 new
Unaffiliated: 1	1 new

### **House Leadership**

Speaker: Rep. Thom **Tillis**, R-Mecklenburg (3 terms, management consultant)  
Speaker Pro Tem: Rep. Dale R. **Folwell**, R-Forsyth (4 terms, consultant, private investor)  
Majority Leader: Rep. Paul **Stam**, R-Wake (6 terms, attorney)  
Majority Whip: Rep. Ruth **Samuelson**, R-Mecklenburg (3 terms, philanthropic consulting)  
Deputy Majority Whip (2):  
    Rep. Pat **McElraft**, R-Carteret, Jones (3 terms, technical sales rep, microbiology products co., real estate broker)  
    Rep. Jonathan **Jordan**, R-Ashe, Watauga (1 term, attorney)  
Republican Freshman Leader: Rep. Mike **Hager**, R-Cleveland, Rutherford (1 term, small business owner)  
Joint Caucus Leader: Rep. Marilyn **Avila**, R-Wake (3 terms, former chemist and business owner)  
Minority Leader: Rep. Joe **Hackney**, D-Chatham, Moore, Orange (16 terms, attorney, farmer)  
Deputy Minority Leader: Rep. William **Wainwright**, D-Craven, Lenoir (11 terms, presiding elder)  
Minority Whip (5):  
    Rep. Rick **Glazier**, D-Cumberland (5 terms, attorney)  
    Rep. Larry **Hall**, D-Durham (3.5 terms, attorney)  
    Ray **Rapp**, D-Haywood, Madison, Yancey (5 terms, college administrator)  
    Rep. Deborah **Ross**, D-Wake (5 terms, senior lecturing fellow, consultant, attorney)  
    Rep. Michael **Wray**, D-Northampton, Vance, Warren (4 terms, small business owner)

### **House Rules, Calendar, and Operations Chairs**

Co-chairs:  
Rep. Stephen **LaRoque**, R-Greene, Lenoir, Wayne (3 terms, small business owner – economic development)  
Rep. Tim **Moore**, R-Cleveland (5 terms, attorney)

### **House Appropriations Chairs**

Senior Chair: Rep. Harold **Brubaker**, R-Randolph (18 terms, real estate appraiser)  
Chair: Rep. Jeff **Barnhart**, R-Cabarrus (6 terms, CEO, Cabarrus Community Health Centers, Inc.)  
Chair: Rep. Mitch **Gillespie**, R-Burke, McDowell (7 terms, small business owner)  
Chair: Rep. Linda **Johnson**, R-Cabarrus (6 terms, computer analyst, tax accounting)

### **Other Committees**

Other committees are involved in issues affecting public schools. All committee memberships are available at [www.ncleg.net](http://www.ncleg.net).

**Senate Education Appropriations Committee**

7 Members (5-R, 2-D)

1 of 7 appointed to committee in 2010

Co-chairs:

Sen. Tom **Apodaca**, R-Buncombe, Henderson, Polk (5 terms, entrepreneur)  
Sen. Jean **Preston\***, R-Carteret, Craven, Pamlico (3 terms –7 house terms, retired educator)  
Sen. Jerry W. **Tillman**, R-Montgomery, Randolph (5 terms, retired school administrator)

Members:

Sen. Charlie **Dannelly**, D-Mecklenburg (+9 terms, retired-educator)  
Sen. Linda **Garrou**, D-Forsyth (7 terms, administrator)  
Sen. Bob **Rucho**, R-Mecklenburg (+6 terms, dentist)  
Sen. Dan **Soucek**, R-Alexander, Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes (1 term, international relief work)

**Senate Education Committee**

21 Members (12-R, 9-D)

12 of 21 appointed to committee in 2010

Co-chairs:

Sen. Jean **Preston\***, R-Carteret, Craven, Pamlico (3 terms –7 house terms, retired educator)  
Sen. Dan **Soucek**, R-Alexander, Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes (1 term, international relief work)  
Sen. Jerry W. **Tillman**, R-Montgomery, Randolph (5 terms, retired school administrator)

Members:

Sen. Austin **Allran\***, R-Catawba, Iredell (13 terms –3 house terms, attorney)  
Sen. Bob **Atwater**, D-Chatham, Durham, Lee (4 terms, retired)  
Sen. Harry **Brown\***, R-Jones, Onslow (4 terms, owner – National Dodge-Subaru & National Volkswagen)  
Sen. Charlie **Dannelly\***, D-Mecklenburg (+9 terms, retired-educator)  
Sen. Warren **Daniel**, R-Burke, Caldwell (1 term, attorney)  
Sen. James **Forrester\***, R-Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln (11 terms, physician-family practice)  
Sen. Linda **Garrou\***, D-Forsyth (7 terms, administrator)  
Sen. Thom **Goolsby**, R-New Hanover (1 term, attorney, law professor)  
Sen. Malcolm **Graham\***, D-Mecklenburg (4 terms, business consultant)  
Sen. Rick **Gunn**, R-Alamance, Caswell (1 term, ERA Gunn Realty-owner and entrepreneur)  
Sen. Floyd **McKissick\***, D-Durham (+2 terms, attorney)  
Sen. E.S. (Buck) **Newton**, R-Nash, Wilson (1 term, attorney)  
Sen. William R. **Purcell\***, D-Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly (+7 terms, retired-pediatrician)  
Sen. Gladys A. **Robinson**, D-Guilford (1 term, executive director Piedmont Health Services & Sickle Cell Agency)  
Sen. Bob **Rucho\***, R-Mecklenburg (+6 terms, dentist)  
Sen. Josh **Stein\***, D-Wake (2 terms, lawyer)  
Sen. Richard **Stevens\***, R-Wake (5 terms, management consultant)  
Sen. Stan **White**, D-Beaufort, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Pasquotank, Tyrell, Washington (1 term-appointed 1/25/2011)

**House Education Appropriations Committee**

17 Members (9-R, 8-D)

8 of 17 appointed to committee in 2010

Chairs:

Rep. Hugh **Blackwell\***, R-Burke (2 terms, attorney)

Rep. Mark **Hilton\***, R-Catawba (6 terms, business owner)

Rep. Bryan **Holloway\***, R-Rockingham, Stokes (4 terms, consultant)

Vice Chairs:

Rep. G.L. **Pridgen**, R-Hoke, Robeson, Scotland (1 term, owner, communications company)

Rep. Norman W. **Sanderson**, R-Craven, Pamlico (1 term, business owner – child care)

Members: (Please check later for updates on any changes in member composition)

Rep. Marilyn **Avila**, R-Wake (3 terms, former chemist and business owner)

Rep. Larry **Bell\***, D-Sampson, Wayne (6 terms, retired public school superintendent, education consultant)

Rep. John **Blust**, R-Guilford (7 terms – 1 senate, attorney, accountant)

Rep. Larry **Brown**, R-Davidson, Forsyth (4 terms, retired – U.S. Postal Service, owner, broker – Brown Real Estate Co.)

Rep. Rosa **Gill**, D-Wake (1.5 terms, retired educator, state employee)

Rep. Rick **Glazier\***, D-Cumberland (5 terms, attorney)

Rep. Maggie **Jeffus**, D-Guilford (10 terms, retired – educator)

Rep. Marvin **Lucas\***, D-Cumberland (6 terms, retired – principal)

Rep. Marian **McLawhorn\***, D-Pitt (7 terms, legislator)

Rep. Henry (Mickey) **Michaux**, Jr., D-Durham, (16.5 terms, attorney, real estate agent, insurance agent)

Rep. Earline **Parmon\***, D-Forsyth (5 terms, education consultant)

Rep. Paul **Stam**, R-Wake (6 terms, attorney)

**House Education Committee**

49 Members (26-R, 22-D, 1-U)

28 of 49 appointed to committee in 2010

Chair: Rep. Bryan **Holloway\***, R-Rockingham, Stokes (4 terms, consultant)

Vice Chair: Rep. Kelly M. **Alexander Jr.\***, D-Mecklenburg (2.5 terms, funeral director)

Vice Chair: Rep. Marilyn **Avila**, R-Wake (3 terms, former chemist and business owner)

Vice Chair: Rep. Tricia **Cotham\***, D-Mecklenburg (2.5 terms, assistant principal of instruction)

Vice Chair: Rep. Mark **Hilton\***, R-Catawba (6 terms, business owner)

Vice Chair: Rep. Linda **Johnson\***, R-Cabarrus (6 terms, computer analyst, tax accounting)

Vice Chair: Rep. James H. (J.H.) **Langdon**, Jr., R-Johnston, Sampson (4 terms, retired – educator, farmer, professional photographer)

Vice Chair: Rep. Marvin **Lucas\***, D-Cumberland (6 terms, retired – principal)

Members: (Please check later for updates on any changes in member composition)

Larry Rep. **Bell\***, D-Sampson, Wayne (6 terms, retired public school superintendent, education consultant)

Rep. John **Blust**, R-Guilford (7 terms – 1 senate, attorney, accountant)

Rep. Angela **Bryant\***, D-Halifax, Nash (3 terms, attorney, senior consultant – Angela Bryant Consulting)

\*Also appointed to this committee in 2010.

The number of terms includes 2011.

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Rep. Becky **Carney\***, D-Mecklenburg (5 terms, homemaker)  
Rep. George G. **Cleveland\***, R-Onslow (4 terms, retired)  
Rep. Leo **Daughtry**, R-Johnston (12 terms – 2 senate, attorney)  
Rep. Jimmy **Dixon**, R-Duplin, Onslow (1 term, farmer)  
Rep. Jerry **Dockham**, R-Davidson (11.5 terms, state representative)  
Rep. Bill **Faison**, D-Caswell, Orange (4 terms, attorney)  
Rep. Susan **Fisher\***, D-Buncombe (4.5 terms, legislator)  
Rep. Rosa **Gill\***, D-Wake (1.5 terms, retired educator, state employee)  
Rep. Mitch **Gillespie**, R-Burke, McDowell (7 terms, small business owner)  
Rep. Rick **Glazier\***, D-Cumberland (5 terms, attorney)  
Rep. Ken **Goodman**, D-Montgomery, Richmond (1 term, owner – RW Goodman Company)  
Rep. Charles **Graham**, D-Robeson (1 term, business owner, retired educator)  
Rep. Mike **Hager**, R-Cleveland Rutherford (1 term, small business owner)  
Rep. Larry **Hall\***, D-Durham (3.5 terms, attorney)  
Rep. Craig **Horn**, R-Union (1 term, retired food broker)  
Rep. Frank **Iler\***, R-Brunswick (1.5 terms, retired)  
Rep. Maggie **Jeffus\***, D-Guilford (10 terms, retired – educator)  
Rep. Bert **Jones**, U-Rockingham (1 term, dentist)  
Rep. Jonathan **Jordan**, R-Ashe, Watauga (1 term, attorney)  
Rep. Ric **Killian**, R-Mecklenburg (3 terms, real estate investor)  
Rep. Paul **Luebke**, D-Durham (11 terms, college teacher)  
Rep. Pat **McElraft\***, R-Carteret, Jones (3 terms, microbiology sales, real estate agent)  
Rep. Wm. C. (Bill) **McGee**, R-Forsyth (5 terms, retired)  
Rep. Marian **McLawhorn\***, D-Pitt (7 terms, legislator)  
Rep. Henry (Mickey) **Michaux, Jr.\***, D-Durham, (16.5 terms, attorney, real estate agent, insurance agent)  
Rep. Earline **Parmon\***, D-Forsyth (5 terms, education consultant)  
Rep. G.L. **Pridgen**, R-Hoke, Robeson, Scotland (1 term, owner, communications company)  
Rep. Ray **Rapp\***, D-Haywood, Madison, Yancey (5 terms, college administrator)  
Rep. Johnathan **Rhyne, Jr.\***, R-Lincoln (6 terms, attorney)  
Rep. Deborah **Ross\***, D-Wake (5 terms, senior lecturing fellow, consultant, attorney)  
Rep. Efton **Sager**, R-Wayne (2 terms, retired)  
Rep. Phil **Shepard**, R-Onslow (1 term retired civil service, minister)  
Rep. Paul **Stam\***, R-Wake (6 terms, attorney)  
Rep. Sarah **Stevens**, R-Alleghany, Surry (2 terms, attorney)  
Rep. Joe **Tolson\***, D-Edgecombe, Wilson (8 terms, retired – educator)  
Rep. John **Torbett\***, R-Gaston (1 term, VP Business Development, Defense Technologies, Inc.)  
Rep. Harry **Warren\***, R-Rowan (1 term, human resource specialist)  
Rep. W.A. (Winkie) **Wilkins\***, D-Durham, Person (4 terms, retired – newspaper writer/editor)

This information is compiled to assist those interested in legislation affecting students and public education. Please also visit the website for the legislative program of the State Board of Education at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/legislative> as any updates to this list and other information will be posted throughout the session.

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